

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In ~~proxis~~ practice, particular good conditions exist when, in the semi-axial inlet area of the second flow channel, the inlet cross-section between two adjacent blades of the turbine wheel is less than three times the exit cross-section between two adjacent guide vanes. It is furthermore advantageous if the inlet cross-section between two adjacent turbine wheel blades at the semi-axial inlet of the second flow channel is equal to, or larger than, the outlet cross-section between two adjacent guide vanes of the guide vane structure.

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